

Water department worker to be charged with drunk diving

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A Water Department employee is facing a charge of operating under the influence after he was involved in a crash in a town-owned vehicle.

Robert Crowley, of Sandwich, is also facing charges of leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violations, according to Lt. Lewis Chubb of the Duxbury Police.

The accident occurred at 2:31 a.m. on Jan. 9, according to police, at the intersection of Tremont and Harrison streets. Crowley was driving his Water Department truck northbound on Tremont Street when he crossed the center line and struck a Jeep Liberty heading in the other direction, Chubb said. The operator of the Jeep was not injured, according to Chubb, but Crowley was transported to Jordan Hospital.

The other driver, when reached by phone, did not want to comment publicly on the accident.



The Water Department truck driven by Robert Crowley is being repaired at a garage in Hanover. Crowley allegedly crossed the center lane on Tremont Street while driving under the influence and struck another vehicle.

Crowley is currently on unpaid leave pending further investigation, according to Town Manager Richard MacDonald. He said he would be meeting with Crowley sometime in the future.

"I'm very disappointed in this," MacDonald said.

MacDonald said Crowley, who takes his department vehicle home to the Cape, had been called back into work due to the heavy snow and

was coming into Duxbury when the accident occurred. MacDonald said he would be reviewing the town's policy on allowing employees to take home vehicles in the future.

Crowley was sent a citation for the charges, according to Chubb. He had not been arraigned as of press time, according to a clerk at the Plymouth District Court.